

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr Ringred on 11/19/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 3 , 10-12, 14-51.

In claim 1 at the end after support material

INSERT --wherein the macromolecular support material has an average largest dimension of at least 1 nm"

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 11 was reversed in the Board decision. So that limitation was inserted into claim 1.

The specifications has example 15 with nanometer sized gold and 20 with nanosized super magnetic ferro fluid support material that have a diameter of 1 nm.

The ODP rejection over the US patent is now moot as the claims are now drawn to only macromolecular support material which have a maximum diameter of 1nm.

Thus claim 1 is now found to be allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rita J. Desai whose telephone number is 571-272-0684. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, flex time..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on 571-272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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